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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES FOR December 9, 2012

President Tony Ahart called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm at the VFW Hall, Liberty, Missouri.

Agenda Change: There were no agenda changes.

Invocation: Carol Morris

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Jim Weber

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Roll Call: Ron Selfors: Directors representing 29 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 51 directors were present.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Tony Ahart welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of Oct 21, 2012 meeting: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Oct 1, 2012 was \$11,101.35. Revenue received in Oct and Nov was \$3,822.55. Expenses paid were \$6,469.76. The checking account balance as of Nov 30, 2012 was \$8,422.44. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. Total funds on hand are \$38,516.56. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 24 of 79 clubs on the rolls. 2,651 members are reported.

Longevity awards were presented to districts for: Beaux & Bells (NE), 60 years; Western Twirlers (SW), 65 years; Trick Trackers (WC), 50 years. Clubs will have their anniversaries in Jan.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence was received or generated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Eleanor Stover reporting. Eleanor provided a first reading of a proposed change to the by-laws related to state meeting times. Proposed change to the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance clubs, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws: Article VI, Meetings, Section 1: Regular, shall be changed to read:

Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held six times a year, hosted by member clubs. Meetings will be held in the district in which the club is a member. A dance, the night before the meeting, shall be held if possible. Meetings shall be on the second or third Sunday of February, April and August;

the meeting designated as the festival meeting shall be on the Sunday of the annual festival, and the June and December meetings shall be on the first or second Sunday. Within ten days of each state meeting, each board of director member will receive uncorrected minutes of said meeting, either by e-mail to those who have e-mail addresses, or mailed to those members who do not have e-mail addresses. Notices of upcoming meetings with a copy of the previous meeting minutes and agenda of all business known to the executive committee to be brought before the board of directors shall be either e-mailed to those with an e-mail address, or mailed to those members of the board of directors who do not have an e-mail address, postmarked at least 10 days before the meeting. The meeting dates for the coming year shall be adopted at the December meeting.

Publications: No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. When sending in DOINs articles, please put only club or district name in subject line.

Clubs not paying dues to the Federation and not providing proof of insurance if they have not subscribed to insurance through the Federation will not have their articles or listings in Mar/Apr edition of the DOINs.

Next publication deadline is Jan 25. Please be on time or early.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. Balance as of Oct 21, 2012, was \$100.00. From Oct 21 through Dec 9, 2012, total revenue was \$2,148.00, expenses were none, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$2,148.00. Balance as of Dec 9, 2012, was \$100.00. For the Jan/Feb 2013 issue, there are 469 paid subscriptions.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Oct 21, 2012, was \$100.00. From Oct 21 through Dec 9, 2012, total revenue was \$900.00, expenses were \$5.15, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$794.85. Balance as of Dec 9, 2012, was \$100.00.

Another 8 puzzles were sold since the last report. 73 more puzzles need to be sold to reach the break-even point. If all remaining 184 puzzles are sold, a projected profit of \$1,841 will be realized.

Promotion & Recruiting: Marty Altman reporting.

Marty reported on his effort to find sources to supply new Missouri Square Dance pins. The quotes he received were substantially more than what they have cost in the past.

Marty discussed progress in updating the "TOOT YOUR HORN" program. He presented a final draft of the program guidance for discussion. Tony Ahart asked that he hold further discussion until new business.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Balance as of Oct 22, 2012, was \$49.60. For the period Oct 22 through Dec 9, 2012, program income was \$4,257.00, and the program expenses were \$4,127.90. The end balance is \$178.70. For 2012, 43 clubs were insured through the Federation; and 13 clubs, through the Heart of America. 1,587 dancers were insured through the Federation. For 2013, at this time, 31 clubs are insured through the Federation; and 10 clubs, through the Heart of America. 936 dancers are insured through the Federation. Jim can be reached at moinsurance@kc.rr.com or 816-781-3598.

Information and forms are available on the state website (www.Forms.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Dec 7, 2012, 1,184 dancers have received 2,579 sets. 56 dancers have their eighth set, 26 dancers have their ninth set, and 22 dancers are beginning their tenth set. Total income this year is \$420.19. Total expenses are \$370.87. Total account balance is \$49.32.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

Possible Virus Alert. I have seen something new coming as e-mail. When I look in my e-mail "in box", I see e-mail from people that I know, usually with no subject. When I open the e-mail, and look at the e-mail address the e-mail was sent from, it is not their address. The e-mail contains no message, just a link to a web page. I believe that sometimes the link ends in "exe". Since the e-mail address is not the address that usually goes with that name, I can be fairly sure it did not come from that person. You can set up an e-mail address on the free sites that has any name. It does not have to be your own. If you get one of these messages, I strongly suggest that you delete it without clicking on the link in the e-mail. This is the form of the e-mail:

- A. E-mail from someone you know,
- B. No subject,
- C. E-mail address that does not match the persons sending the e-mail,
- D. No message other than a "Link".

This is an excellent reason why you should always fill in the subject line on your e-mail. I am always suspect of e-mail with no subject.

Dates to Avoid. Recently I received a request from someone outside the Missouri Federation about how to find our "Dates to Avoid" page. I was surprised that anyone outside the state was even aware of it. This makes it more important that you check that page to be sure that your reoccurring dance is listed there, and is listed for the next few years. There is also a place to click called "Scheduling Rules for Missouri State Festival & District Dances". Please check this to be sure it is correct. I notice that that page is dated 2/28/10. The rule for West Central District is missing. I do not know that the other district listings are correct, and there is not information there for some of the reoccurring dances in St. Louis.

Master Database. The master database and all the pages that look at it, were finished Nov 6, 2012. I received all St. Louis Metro dances Nov 18, and had them added a few days later. I have also received schedules for quite a few clubs. The pages that go to this database for information are:

- A. Monthly dance schedules
- B. "Special Dances" pages
- C. "Notices & Cancellations" page
- D. Each club's schedule for the year

These pages are now set up for both the Missouri Federation website, and the St. Louis Metro website, and for all individual club websites including clubs that I haven't done websites for in the past. For clubs

that have their own websites, the new Missouri Federation club websites have links to the actual clubs websites.

Please remind the clubs in your area that they can go to their clubs website, click on their schedule for the year, and see exactly what information will be listed in the monthly schedules for each dance for the year. If the caller, time, location, etc. is not correct, they can let me know, and I will correct it. The advantage to this is that they no longer have to look at each month's schedule, and find their clubs dances in a list of 50 - 100 dances. All their dances can be found in one place on one page.

The Notices & Cancellation pages are new to the Missouri Federation and St. Louis Metro websites.

This master database project has taken about 2 1/2 months, has involved about 150 - 200 new web pages, and a database with close to 3,000 lines of data in it. Now, when I make a change in the Master Database, every page that gets its information from the database is instantly updated. In the past, with some clubs, a minor change in their schedule could have required updates in as many as seven different web pages.

As with any new project, there are probably errors in it. I have done a lot of cross checking, but I am sure there are still some there. If you find one, please send me a polite e-mail telling me what is wrong, and I'll fix it. I'll fix it from impolite e-mails, but I prefer the polite ones.

A club's individual schedule pages include, in addition to that club's dances, the Missouri Festival, the district dance, any other district events that the club should be interested in.

The big difference between the old schedule pages and the new pages is that there are a number of "links" on the new pages. Click on a clubs name and the club's website opens. Click on the location, and directions with an interactive map open. If the caller has a website, click on his/her name and it opens. If there is a flyer, click on it, and the flyer opens.

I have added annual holidays through 2016 to the "Dates to Avoid" page. Please look at the page, and if you know other annual dates that belong there, let me know what they are. There is also a link at the bottom of the page that takes you to a website with future calendars and holidays listed on it. I notice that there are some "District Dances" that lack dates. Please send me the dates even if the flyer is not ready yet. You can send me the flyer later.

Festival Forms. The Missouri Festival Committee needs to go to the "Forms" section and check to see if any of the Missouri Festival forms need to be revised.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting.

I have added a number of new "Histories" to the history part of the website. Some of the additions are: Additional material in the 2012 history, additional club histories, and, for the first time, a caller/cuer history. You might mention to your favorite caller /cuer that he/she can send me a history or biography.

If you know about any other events of historical interest, write them up, and I will add them. This can include special club, district or state material.

The history section now has a page with the names and years of the callers/cuers on the "Callers/Cuers Hall of Fame", and a page with the names and years of the dancers honored as "Dancers of the Year".

License Plate: JW England reporting. Balance as of Aug 19, 2012, was \$56.70. For the period Aug 19 through Dec 9, 2012, program income was \$25.00, and the program expenses (rebates) were \$10.00. The end balance is \$71.70.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. The winter meeting will be held in Kansas City, Jan 24-27, 2013. Location is Airport Drury Inn. Everyone is invited. Call Edythe for details.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. Please check your club listing in the club database at www.you2candance.com. Make sure all info is correct. Let Jim know if something is wrong.

Use the You2canDance website for recruiting and answering questions for potential new dancers.

Next ARTS meeting will be on Sunday after the National Convention in Oklahoma City. All are invited.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Edythe Weber reporting. District responsibilities for hosting future federation meetings were finalized. Assignments for 2013 are: Feb 17, NWD; Apr 14, CD; Jun 9, SED; Aug 18, SLD; Oct 13, WCD; and Dec 8, NED.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. The committee presented a workshop on square dancing at the annual convention of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MoHPERD) on Nov 9 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. Participating were Larry and Sharon Crisel, George and Cleva Roth, Dave and Dee Shafer and the attending teachers.

The form for youth scholarships is available on our federation website.

2012 State Festival: Joann Miler reporting. Festival was a great success. 627 participated. Southwest District presented the Federation with a check for \$9,700.

2013 State Festival: Jan Anslinger reporting. The 2013 Festival will be hosted by West Central District and will be at the Sedalia State Fair Grounds, 11-13 Oct. The theme will be "Roaring Ragtime Express." The colors are red, white and black. A highlight of the festival will be dancing on the Katy Trail.

2014 State Festival: Eleanor Stover reporting. Work in progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Historical Material: Edythe Weber reporting. Edythe reported that they have 16 boxes of historical material. They will inventory the material before archiving.

2016 Caller/Cuer Solicitation: In the past caller and cuer solicitations went to at least three candidates and the lowest cost was selected. This has caused issues since callers/cuers often do not like to bid against each other. Carl Boone moved that for the 2016 festival, that specific offer be made to a single caller or cuer. Motion was approved.

Audit Committee: Tony Ahart appointed the 2012 Audit Committee. Chairs are Curtis and Phyllis Brockhaus. Members are John and Dorothy Robbins, and George and Cleva Roth.

2012 Committees: Tony Ahart released all 2012 committees.

Election of Officers: Pat Miller presented the election committee's proposed slate of officers. They are: Larry and Jan Anslinger, President; Larry and Sharon Crisel, 1st Vice President; George and Cleva Roth;

2nd Vice President; Dan Reedy, 3rd Vice President; Ron and Marie Selfors, Secretary; and Carl and Cindy Boone, Treasurer. Jim Weber moved that the nominations be closed and the slate accepted. His motion was approved.

Toot Your Horn: The proposed Toot Your Horn Requirements were discussed and approved line-by-line. Dan Reedy moved that the final requirements list be adopted. His motion was approved. The final approved requirements are attached.

Passing of the Gavel. Tony Ahart thanked the board for all of its support over the last year. He passed the gavel to Larry Anslinger who assumed the presidency of the Federation.

NEW BUSINESS

National Square Dance Conventions: Carl Boone reporting. Carl and Cindy, the Bid Chairman and proposed General Chairman, announced at the Spokane Convention Missouri's intent to pursue the 2018 convention in Kansas City. The Kansas City Convention Center currently has two other organizations considering the 2018 convention space. If either takes the space, we will be unable to host the 2018 convention.

CLOSE

Larry Anslinger recognized the Northwest District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Northwest District on Sunday, Feb 17, 2013, at 12 noon, at location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary

Attached: Toot Your Horn Requirements 2013

Toot Your Horn Requirements

During the year starting January 1, 2013, a club must complete at least six items of the twelve below. The first two items are required and must be two of the six.

1. Place at least three items in a local media during the year that reaches all the public and mentions square dancing. This can include local or regional newspapers, radio stations, television stations, billboards, or any announcement that reaches the public. This does not include articles in local church papers or postings in grocery stores.
2. Have at least one square in the home district dance.
3. Place at least four articles and/or ads in the DOINs.
4. Perform at least three philanthropic activities during the year, such as holding a benefit dance, conducting a fund raiser for needy persons, providing a scholarship of some kind to someone, assisting in a food pantry collection, be part of an adopt-a-family for a holiday, or bell ringing for the Salvation Army.
5. Visit a public or private organization such as a nursing home or any other organization in the local community and conduct a square dance for their entertainment using club members to promote square dancing.
6. Participate as a club in a community event such as a fall festival, a national holiday celebration, or any other type of city, county, or local event. This can include helping in the necessary setup, working a booth, taking part in a parade, or make a club contribution to the event.
7. Have at least one square in the Missouri State Festival.
8. Place an ad of any size in the State Festival Book.
9. Visit another district's district dance with at least one square.
10. Conduct a complete set of lessons.
11. Have a current state officer or delegate or district officer from the club membership.
12. Host a state board meeting.